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nothing which is deleted is going to win enough total votes to override a veto so I think you ought to let the bill fly on to its fate and save time. Don't bring it back for any purpose. If it could be genuinely converted into an aid to education bill for the students, then you could get me, but since that issue has not really been raised and is never addressed in these aid to school bills, I decided to stay out of the discussion this year because it is not going to do any good. The bill is not going to survive a veto so I would only waste time unnecessarily by engaging in a futile discussion but what I say now I think does have merit. The bill should stay on Select File, I mean at E & R engrossing, move on to Final Reading and meet its fate but I don't think it ought to be returned for any purpose because you are not going to gain any votes by doing so.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I would do what Senator Kremer did if I had the kind of votes. I would ask for the emergency clause and move it on, but since that is not the position of this particular bill in regard to number of votes, I think we have made a decision. We have decided how we are going to divide the money up. I think it would be wasted effort to bring the bill back and I certainly oppose bringing the bill back for this particular amendment, and while I am here, Mr. President, if it is timely, I would like a ruling in regard to returning bills to Select File and moving them off of Select File in regard to the recent rule change. When a bill is moved from Select File and is brought back, does that renew that bill's option of having two opportunities under those particular circumstances of being moved back to E & R?

PRESIDENT: You mean two failures to move and you are out?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT: I think it is two consecutive. I haven't looked at it, Senator Lewis, but it would seem to me that that is the only appropriate thing because that evidences that the bill is dead so you might as well declare it dead but I don't think unrelated failures to advance can be tacked one to the other but what does the rule say, Vince? Apparently the rule just says if it fails to advance twice. I think I would have to say that they would have to be consecutive to be meaningful.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. President. Again, I would simply make the comment that let's leave the bill alone and move it forward.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell.

SENATOR NEWELL: Mr. President, members of the body, I would like to ask Jack Mills a question. Jack.

SENATOR MILLS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR NEWELL: If we put the incentive aid back in, will you be able to support the bill?

SENATOR MILLS: No, sir.

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